IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Laurence CHRISTA et al.

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FOR USE IN LIVER REGENERATION AND

FOR THE PREVENTION OF LIVER

FAILURE

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 23313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case. Consideration of this application in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.